



**Department of Energy**  
**National Nuclear Security Administration**  
Washington, DC 20585

October 10, 2002

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Consistent with the Department of Energy's Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2000-2, Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems, I am forwarding an initial Phase II assessment report from the Office of Kirtland Site Operations, Annular Core Research Reactor Ventilation System Assessment at the Sandia National Laboratories. This report represents the final initial Phase II report from the National Nuclear Security Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-2179 or have your staff contact Mr. Jeff Kimball at (301) 903-6413.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everet H. Beckner".

Everet H. Beckner  
Deputy Administrator  
for Defense Programs

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